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COMMUNITY FARMS PRESERVATION PROGRAM UPDATE

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Since 1978, the Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAg)'s Farmland Preservation Program has protected primarily large-scale, active farms in Connecticut, working on applications prioritized through a ranking system.

Because smaller farms did not meet the criteria of this longstanding program or were competing with numerous high-ranking farms for the limited funding available, DoAg was unable to preserve them. The owners of these smaller farms then turned to land trusts, towns, or open space programs and often faced stiff competition for any funds that might have existed.

DoAg, along with a group of other stakeholders including Working Lands Alliance, Connecticut Farmland Trust, Inc., and the Connecticut Farm Bureau Association, recognized Connecticut's diverse and small farm operations and the critical role they play in local food systems. These stakeholders supported legislation to preserve small farms of local economic importance, and, in 2008, the Community Farms Preservation Program (CFPP) was born through Public Act 08-174.

In the first few years of this enabling legislation (C.G.S. Section 22-26nn), there was no funding for the CFPP. Nonetheless, DoAg worked diligently with other stakeholders and the Farmland Preservation Advisory Board to prepare criteria with a special emphasis on increasing local capacity to participate in farmland preservation. As farm size trended smaller in Connecticut and smaller farms were identified as a priority, DoAg preserved a

short list of small farms that met the Farmland Preservation Program's minimum criteria.

In December 2011, DoAg Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky announced the designation of \$2 million in Community Investment Act funds for a pilot of the CFPP, stating, "This program is something we see as a valuable component of the state's long-term plan to cultivate sustainable agriculture and food production for the residents of Connecticut."

The program also serves as an adaption measure in the face of a changing climate—a strategy that will deepen the strength, diversity, and resilience of Connecticut agriculture.

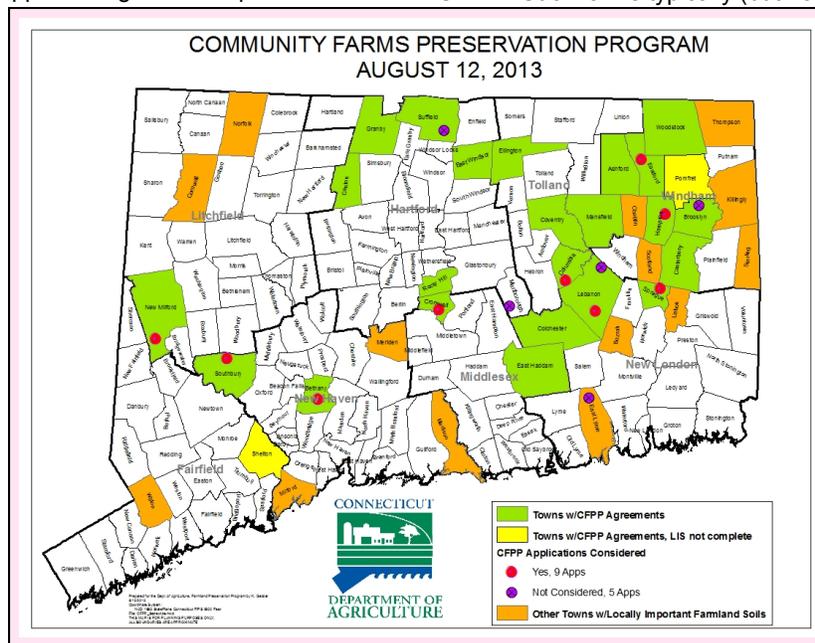
Farms not meeting Farmland Preservation Program criteria because of size, soil quality, or location, but that do contribute to local economic activity through agricultural production, could apply for the CFPP. Such farms typically (but not necessarily) contain fewer than

30 acres of cropland and prime farmland soils (or additional farmland of statewide importance), are active farms in food or fiber production, and have a demonstrated level of community support.

Pilot applications were received until July 31, 2012. To date, the CFPP pilot continues with two farms under contract for the purchase of development rights (PDR), and several appraisals underway.

DoAg expects to make PDR offers to five additional farms within the next three months.

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**WHOLESALE PEPPERS
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	Low	High
BELL,grn,1-1/9,lg	15.00	16.00
BELL,grn,1-1/9,md	12.00	12.00
BELL,grn,1-1/9,xlg	16.00	18.00
BELL,trn rd,1-1/9,lg	8.00	8.00
CHRRY,ht,1/2bu	16.00	16.00
CUBNELL,1-1/9,lg	12.00	16.00
CUBNELL,1-1/9,xl	18.00	25.00
JALPNO,1/2bu	14.00	16.00
LONG HT,1 1/9bu	16.00	16.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION

Sold by actual weights; prices quoted by hundred wt.

49-54	220-300 lbs	72.00-75.00
	300-400 lbs	73.00-75.50
45-49	220-300 lbs	68.50-70.50
	300-400 lbs	68.00-71.50
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	69.50-74.50
	500-700 lbs	77.00-79.00
Boars:	300-700 lbs	28.00-28.00

PA GRADER FEEDER PIGS

Lancaster, PA, per cwt.
August 21, 2013

Gr US 1-	wt 20-30	110.00	130.00
	wt 30-50	100.00	125.00
	wt 50-60	100.00	120.00
Gr US 2	wt 20-30	100.00	115.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, Aug. 26, 2013 (auction open Labor Day)

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

45-60 lbs.	18.00	22.00
61-75 lbs.	25.00	30.00
76-90 lbs.	32.50	35.00
91-105 lbs.	40.00	45.00
106 lbs. & up	47.50	50.00
Farm Calves	55.00	72.50
Starter Calves	22.00	28.00
Veal Calves	65.00	110.00
Open Heifers	70.00	100.00
Beef Steers	83.00	92.00
Beef Heifers	73.00	86.50
Feeder Steers	70.00	90.00
Stock Bulls	95.00	130.00
Beef Bulls	96.00	101.00
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	1 at	0.01
Goats each	25.00	150.00
Kid Goats	45.00	120.00
Canners	up to	80.75
Cutters	81.00	85.50
Utility Grade Cows	86.50	89.50
Replacement Heifers	1 at	1,100.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Rabbits each	5.00	29.00
Chickens each	5.00	30.00
Ducks each	4.00	26.00
Feeder Pigs	20.00	50.00
Lambs	50.00	220.00
Sheep	25.00	180.00

**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

	Low	High
APPLE,gngr gld,3",bu	26.00	28.00
APPLE,gngr gld,xfcy,88ct	30.00	30.00
APPLE,pla rd,96ct,xfcy	30.00	32.00
BEET,12s	15.00	18.00
BLUEBERRY,plp,12/1pt	30.00	30.00
BROCCOLI,14ct	17.00	17.00
BROCCOLI,crwn,20lb	14.00	18.00
CABBAGE,grn,50lb	8.00	10.00
CABBAGE,svy,50lb	15.00	18.00
COLLARD,12s	11.00	14.00
CORN,5dz	14.00	16.00
CUCUMBER,pcklmg,1-1/9bu	20.00	22.00
CUCUMBER,spr slct,1-1/9bu	20.00	24.00
EGGPLANT,1-1/9bu	14.00	18.00
GREEN BEAN,1-1/9bu	26.00	30.00
KALE,12s	12.00	13.00
MUSKMELON,ea	1.50	2.00
NECTARINE,22-24lb	25.00	25.00
PARSNIP,25lb	21.00	21.00
PEACH,wht,25lb	24.00	24.00
PEACH,ylw,25lb	16.00	18.00
PEAR,brlitt,4/5bu	30.00	30.00
PLUM,rd,20lb	26.00	26.00
RADISH,24ct	15.00	15.00
SQUASH,grn,fcy,1/2bu	14.00	18.00
SQUASH,grn,md,1/2bu	10.00	12.00
SQUASH,ylw,fcy,1/2bu	20.00	22.00
SWISS CHARD,12s	15.00	16.00
TOMATO,bskt,jbo,8qt	20.00	20.00
TOMATO,chrry,12/1pt	16.00	18.00
TOMATO,fld grwn,20lb	20.00	28.00
TOMATO,grp,12/1pt	16.00	18.00
TOMATO,hrlm,gnhs,10lb	32.00	35.00
TOMATO,plm,25lb	12.00	15.00
WATERMELON,15-19lb,ea	3.00	4.00

CT FARMERS' MARKET PRICES

August 15-22, 2013

	Low	High
APPLE,j.mac,qt	3.00	3.00
BEAN,wx,lb	3.00	3.00
BEAN,grn,lb	1.59	2.50
BLACKBERRY,1/2pt	4.00	5.00
CHARD,bnch	2.00	3.00
ONION,tellow,ea	.50	.75
CABBAGE,grn,hd,sm	1.00	2.00
CARROT,w/top,bnch	3.00	4.00
CUKE,,ea	.50	.90
EGGPLANT,ea	2.00	2.00
GARLIC,lb	7.00	7.00
PEACH,dnt,pt	4.00	4.00
PEACH,qt	3.00	4.00
PEAR,clpp,qt	3.00	4.00
PEPPER,bll,lb	1.59	2.00
PEPPER,cherry,ht,lb	1.50	2.00
COLLARD,bunch	2.00	2.00
SQUASH,ylw,lb	1.50	2.00
TOMATO,hrlm,lb	3.50	3.50
TOMATO,lb	2.00	3.00
TOMATO,chrry,pt	1.00	3.00

PA LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

August 23-26, 2013

Average Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:		
breakers 75-80% lean	77.00	81.25
boners 80-85% lean	74.50	78.50
lean88-90% lean	67.75	72.50
CALVES graded bull		
No.1 95-120lbs	138.50	151.75
No 2 95-120lbs	125.00	141.75
No 3 80-120lbs	90.00	111.25
SLAUGHTER BULLS yield gr		
High dressing	101.50	107.50
Avg.dressing	95.75	97.75
Low dressing	85.50	91.00
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
HiCh/Prm3-4	122.00	123.50
Ch2-3	117.50	121.50
Sel2-3	109.50	113.75
SLAUGHTER STEERS		
HiCh/prm3-4	126.00	129.00
Ch2-3	120.75	125.25
Sel2-3	116.00	120.25
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS		
HiCh/prm3-4	109.00	111.75
Ch 2-3	103.00	107.25
Sel1-3	93.25	100.75
VEALER 60 120lbs	29.50	50.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: ch/pr 2-3		
40-60lbs	n/a	
50-70lbs	158.00	195.00
70-80lbs	160.00	160.00
85lbs	126.00	126.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: good 2-3: md flesh		
100-110lbs	58.00	66.00
120-160lbs	58.00	70.00
Bucks	130-150lbs	50.00 102.00
	170-200lbs	54.00 86.00
SLAUGHTER GOATS:Sel.1, by head, est. wt.		
40-60lbs	112.00	142.00
60-80lbs	126.00	162.00
80-100lbs	126.00	187.00
Nannies/Does: 110-120lbs	136.00	167.00
	130-160lbs	150.00 177.00
Bucks/Billies: 130-150lbs	210.00	244.00

EASTERN PA GRAIN

August 19, 2013

Average price per bushel

BARLEY	3.30
CORN	6.01
OATS	3.30
SOYBEANS	13.25
WHEAT	6.52

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA

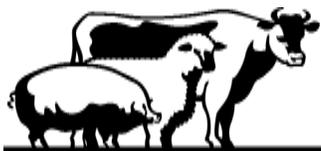
Per doz., USDA Grade A/Grade A white in cartons (volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	1.29	1.33
LARGE	1.27	1.31
MEDIUM	1.08	1.12

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

Per doz., wholesale Grade A brown in cartons (delivered)

XTRA LARGE	1.62	1.69
LARGE	1.56	1.63
MEDIUM	1.11	1.19



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COMMUNITY FARMS PRESERVATION PROGRAM UPDATE (continued from Page 1)

Evaluation of the CFPP pilot may occur as early as year-end. If funding remains, additional farm applications may be considered.

In addition to the CFPP pilot's success protecting small food-producing farms of local importance are 25 Connecticut municipalities now eligible to participate in joint PDR projects with DoAg. These towns have entered cooperative agreements with the State of Connecticut acknowledging their fulfillment of the following achievements in the area of farmland preservation:

1. Recognizing farmland preservation in the plan of conservation and development or interim town plan for local farmland preservation
2. Establishing an agricultural commission and/or program for farmland preservation
3. Inventorying local farmland resources
4. Prioritizing farms for preservation using a criteria scoring or ranking system
5. Designating a fund for farmland preservation and have a method of funding
6. Requesting identification of locally important farmland soils through USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

If a municipality has completed eligibility requirements, it positioned to be able to act, with the state's help, to protect important farmland resources.

Prior to CFPP pilot's launch in December 2011, 11 municipalities had completed joint PDR projects with the state. The number positioned to participate in joint PDR has more than doubled. Those eligible for the CFPP include urban, suburban, and rural municipalities located in all eight Connecticut counties.

The CFPP is off to a successful start, thanks to the Farmland Preservation Advisory Board, and partners including the towns of Lebanon and Columbia, Connecticut Farmland Trust, Inc., and NRCS.

Although it is still too early to evaluate the program, DoAg has experienced some of its challenges.

The process to protect small farms can take as long, or longer, than the longstanding Farmland Preservation Program because municipalities and landowners are new to the PDR process. Some landowners may be less committed to agricultural use only, concerned about future farm-transfer options. Some farms straddle town boundaries, thus involving more partners, coordination, and/or commitment to the project. Estimates of the initial CFPP pilot round exceeded available Community Investment Act funding, so administrative time and expense was involved to leverage federal funds. And, of course, a waiting list of small farm applications received post-pilot deadlines already exists.

Connecticut agriculture depends upon the viability and sustainability of its farm businesses and upon its resource base of prime and important farmland soils. Small farms are an integral component of the state's agricultural heritage and its future adaptation to a changing world.

DoAg anticipates additional funding for this popular program and encourages interested farmers and towns to discuss eligibility with DoAg by contacting Joseph Dippel, director of the Bureau of Agricultural Development and Resource Preservation, or Katherine Winslow, property agent, by phone at 860-713-2589 or in writing to Connecticut Department of Agriculture, Farmland Preservation Program, 165 Capitol Avenue, Room G8A, Hartford, CT 06106.

CT AGRICULTURAL TEACHER NAMED TO NATIONAL FFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Congratulations to Connecticut agriscience educator William Davenport, who has been named to the National FFA Organization's board of directors.

Mr. Davenport has taught agriscience at Nonnewaug High School in Woodbury since 1986 and has served as director of the Ellis Clark Regional Agriscience and Technology program since 2004. For more than 22 years, he has led the 328-member Woodbury High School FFA chapter as its advisor.

Bill has achieved an array of honors throughout his career, including being named the 2004 Connecticut state Teacher of the Year and one of the top 20 teachers of the year by USA Today in 2005.

He earned both a bachelor's and master's degree in animal science from the University of Connecticut and received a sixth-year diploma in administration and supervision from Southern Connecticut State University.

(from 8/22/13 National FFA Organization media release)



NEW FARM ENERGY SURVEY

The Connecticut Farm Energy Program is calling all Connecticut farms to take an important new Connecticut farm energy survey at the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CTFarmEnergy>.

This survey is a project of the Connecticut Farm Energy Program in partnership with the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, and will be used to help shape future programs and policy. This project was funded in part by matching funds from the Connecticut Department of Agriculture through the Community Investment Act, 05-228.

USABLE FOOD WASTE SOUGHT FOR SEPT 19 EVENT

Feeding the 5000 promotes practical solutions around global food waste. The international campaign hosts events at which a free delicious meal is offered for 5000+ members of the public based entirely on fresh food that would have otherwise been wasted.

Such an event will take place in New York City at Union Square on September 19, 2013, in partnership with many organizations, including UNEP's Think. Eat. Save. campaign. High profile chefs such as Bill Telepan will participate in cooking the meal.

The organization is looking for sources of consumptive food waste not already earmarked for food banks or other recovery programs. This includes farms with gleaning opportunities, processors with lesser-used parts of animal and hospitality channels with excess raw materials.

Please contact Rachael Mamane at rachael@feeding5k.org by Friday, September 13, 2013, if you would like to arrange a donation of fresh food that fits these criteria.



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